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Docket No. 5000-4679

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Mamoru Kuzuya, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 09/379,651

Examiner: Vicky A. JOHNSON

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For: AXLE HOUSING ASSEMBLY

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 21, 2004, for which a three month shortened statutory period for response expires October 21, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.